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Dear Mr. Mattson:

Subject: Otay Ranch Resort Village Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the County of San Diego's Otay Ranch Resort Village Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is submitting comments based on the policies included in San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan (2015 Regional Plan). These policies will help provide people with more travel and housing choices, protect the environment, create healthy communities, and stimulate economic growth. The SANDAG comments are submitted from a regional perspective emphasizing the need for better land use and transportation coordination.

Transportation Demand Management

SANDAG appreciates the attention given to transportation demand management (TDM) strategies in the revised Global Climate Change section of the Draft EIR. It encourages walking and biking and provides residents with alternative transportation options to decrease drive-alone trips. Please consider including the following additional TDM measures for the Otay Ranch Village 13 Master Planned Community Resort Village to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips:

- Preferred parking for carpools and vanpools
- Shared parking among uses within the development that have different peak periods or seasonal parking demands
- Additional bicycle amenities, such as secure bicycle parking, locker rooms, and bike repair stands
- On-site shared mobility services (e.g., carshare, bikeshare, neighborhood electric vehicles) to offer alternatives for travel within the Village and enhance connections to regional transit services, such as South Bay Bus Rapid Transit

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SANDAG appreciates the inclusion of iCommute in the revised Draft EIR and encourages the County to continue to partner with iCommute to take advantage of regional TDM programs and services. This includes the SANDAG Vanpool Program, Guaranteed Ride Home service, and support for carpool, transit, and bike encouragement programs. More information on available regional TDM programs can be accessed through iCommuteSD.com.

Electric Vehicle Planning

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Please consider incorporating robust electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure into the Otay Ranch Village 13 Master Planned Community Resort Village to help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions impacts while also supporting goals of the 2015 Regional Plan and the State of California for EV deployment and uptake.

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SANDAG also encourages the County of San Diego to utilize resources from the Plug-in San Diego (Plug-in SD) program, which implements recommendations from the San Diego Regional Plug-in Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan. Plug-in SD provides a technical expert, known as "the EV Expert," who is available to assist stakeholders in person, via email, or by phone. SANDAG encourages County staff to contact the EV Expert with any questions regarding EVs and/or EV charging stations at (866) 967-5816 or evexpert@energycenter.org.

Other Considerations

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SANDAG has a number of resources that can be used for additional information or clarification on topics discussed in this letter. The following can be found on our website at sandag.org:

- Integrating Transportation Demand Management into the Planning and Development Process
- SANDAG Regional Parking Management Toolbox
- San Diego Regional Plug-in Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan

When available, please send any additional environmental documents related to this project to:

Intergovernmental Review
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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Otay Ranch Resort Village Recirculated Draft EIR. If you have any questions, please contact me at (619) 699-1943 or at seth.litchney@sandag.org.

Sincerely,



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